

(26) *Centenary of the birth of Oliver Heaviside*—The year 1950 is the centenary of the birth of Oliver Heaviside, who was born May 13, 1850, and died February 4, 1925. He is widely remembered in connection with the ionized Kennelly-Heaviside layer in the upper atmosphere. Kennelly in the U.S.A. and Heaviside in England suggested that such a layer might exist, its presence thus accounting for long-distance wireless propagation. Heaviside performed other important work in the development of operational methods of solving differential equations.